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# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

### **Notice of Opposition**

Notice is hereby given that the following party opposes registration of the indicated application.

### Opposer Information

Name	BHPC Associates LLC
Granted to Date of previous extension	07/10/2013
Address	1370 Broadway New York, NY 10018 UNITED STATES

Attorney information	Robert L. Epstein Epstein Drangel LLP 60 East 42nd Street, Suite 2410 New York, NY 10165 UNITED STATES
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## **Applicant Information**

Application No	85746758	Publication date	03/12/2013
Opposition Filing Date	07/02/2013	Opposition Period Ends	07/10/2013
Applicant	King Family Vineyards, LLC 6550 Roseland Farm 6550 Roseland Farm Crozet, VA 22932 UNITED STATES		

## Goods/Services Affected by Opposition

Class 025. First Use: 2008/06/01 First Use In Commerce: 2008/07/04

All goods and services in the class are opposed, namely: Baseball caps; Collared shirts; Dress shirts; Hooded sweat shirts; Knit shirts; Polo shirts; Rugby shirts; Shirts and short-sleeved shirts; Short-sleeved or long-sleeved t-shirts; Short-sleeved shirts; Sweat shirts; T-shirts; Tee shirts

## **Grounds for Opposition**

Priority and likelihood of confusion	Trademark Act section 2(d)
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# Marks Cited by Opposer as Basis for Opposition

U.S. Registration No.	1429311	Application Date	11/12/1985
Registration Date	02/17/1987	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	BEVERLY HILLS POLO CLUB		
Design Mark			

Description of Mark	NONE
Goods/Services	Class 025. First use: First Use: 1985/02/18 First Use In Commerce: 1985/02/18 CLOTHING FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN-NAMELY SHIRTS, SWEATSHIRTS, SWEAT SUITS, SWEATERS, T-SHIRTS, PANTS, UNDERWEAR, CAPS, JACKETS, [LEOTARDS, DRESSES, PONCHOS]

U.S. Registration No.	1751058	Application Date	10/01/1991	
Registration Date	02/09/1993	Foreign Priority Date	NONE	
Word Mark	BEVERLY HILLS POLO CLU	В		
Design Mark				
Description of Mark	NONE			
Goods/Services	Class 009. First use: First Use	e: 1991/05/31 First U	se In Commerce: 1991/05/31	
	ophthalmic eyewear; namely, eyeglass frames, lenses, chains, and cases; eyeglasses; and sunglasses			
	Class 014. First use: First Use: 1991/08/31 First Use In Commerce: 1991/08/31 watches			
	Class 018. First use: First Use: 1991/03/31 First Use In Commerce: 1991/03/31			
	wallets, umbrellas, and small leather goods; namely, credit card cases, key cases, and coin purses			
	Class 024. First use: First Use: 1991/03/01 First Use In Commerce: 1991/03/01			
	beach towels, bath towels, table linens and textile placemats, and bed and bath accessories; namely, fabric toilet seat covers			
	Class 025. First use: First Use: 1989/10/31 First Use In Commerce: 1989/10/31			
	clothing for men, women and shirts, pants, caps, hats, jack outerwear; namely, coats and	ets, dresses, socks, h	rts, sweatshirts, sweaters, tee nosiery, raincoats and	

U.S. Registration No.	2214846	Application Date	08/08/1994
Registration Date	12/29/1998	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	BEVERLY HILLS POLO CLUB		
Design Mark			
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	Class 025. First use: First Use: 1994/10/01 First Use In Commerce: 1994/10/01		
	footwear, namely shoes, boots, slippers, athletic shoes, and golf shoes		

Attachments	070213opposition.pdf(304534 b	ytes)

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The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of this paper has been served upon all parties, at their address record by First Class Mail on this date.

Signature	/robert I. epstein/
Name	Robert L. Epstein
Date	07/02/2013

# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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BHPC ASSOCIATES LLC,	: :
Opposer,	: Opposition No.
v.	; ;
KING FAMILY VINEYARDS, LLC	: :
Applicant.	: :

### NOTICE OF OPPOSITION

Opposer, BHPC Associates LLC, of 1370 Broadway, New York City, New York 10018, believes that it is being damaged by the application to register the mark 7 and Player Design, Application Ser. No. 85746758, in International Class 025, filed October 5, 2012, and hereby opposes same.

As grounds for its opposition, Opposer, by and through its undersigned attorneys, alleges as follows:

1. Continuously and long prior to the Applicant's filing date of October 5, 2012 of its Application Serial No. 85746758 to register 7 and Polo Player Design, Opposer has offered and continues to offer a variety of goods, including a wide assortment of apparel for men, ladies, boys, girls and infants, bearing the mark BEVERLY HILLS POLO CLUB in Design including

the image of a polo player on horseback swinging his mallet (the "BEVERLY HILLS POLO CLUB and Polo Player Design mark").

- 2. Over a prolonged period of time, Opposer has invested a substantial amount of time, effort and money promoting its BEVERLY HILLS POLO CLUB and Polo Player Design mark and the goods bearing that mark. As a result of its promotional efforts, a tremendous volume of sales, and extensive use of the BEVERLY HILLS POLO CLUB and Polo Player Design mark, Opposer's BEVERLY HILLS POLO CLUB and Polo Player Design mark has attained widespread acclaim in the United States, and has come to be exclusively recognized as identifying the products of Opposer. Since long before any use of or alleged rights of Applicant in the mark hereby opposed, Opposer's BEVERLY HILLS POLO CLUB and Polo Player Design mark has become distinctive of Opposer's goods and represents a tremendous amount of goodwill of Opposer's business.
- 3. In addition to its common law rights, Opposer owns the following incontestable United States trademark registrations of the BEVERLY HILLS POLO CLUB and the Polo Player Design mark for use in the aggregate in connection with Opposer's goods:

MARK	Class(es)	REGISTRATION NUMBER	REGISTRATION DATE
POLO CHIB	25	1429311	02-17-1987

POLO CLUB	09,14,18,24,25	1751058	02-09-1993
POLO CLUB	25	2214846	12-29-1998

- 4. Opposer's registrations are valid, subsisting, in full force and effect, incontestable, and are evidence of Opposer's exclusive rights to use its registered marks on the identified goods, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §§ 1057 and 1115. Current printouts from the electronic database records of the United States Patent and Trademark Office of the aforementioned incontestable registrations are attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.
- 5. Upon information and belief, King Family Vineyards, LLC ("Applicant") filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office an Application to register 7 and Polo Player Design, Application Ser. No. 85746758, in International Class 025, for "baseball caps; collared shirts; dress shirts; hooded sweat shirts; knit shirts; polo shirts; rugby shirts; shirts and short-sleeved shirts; short-sleeved or long-sleeved T-shirts; short-sleeved shirts; T-shirts; Tee-shirts," dated October 5, 2012.
- 6. Applicant is not connected to Opposer in any way and has not been authorized by Opposer to use 7 and Polo Player Design as reflected in Application Ser. No. 85746758.

### **COUNT I: Priority and Likelihood of Confusion**

- 7. Opposer repeats and re-alleges each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 6 as if fully set forth herein.
- 8. Upon information and belief, Opposer acquired rights in the BEVERLY HILLS POLO CLUB and Polo Player Design mark prior to any date on which Applicant can rely in connection with 7 and Polo Player Design in International Class 025, as reflected in Application Ser. No. 85746758.
- 9. Opposer's BEVERLY HILLS POLO CLUB and Polo Player Design mark is the same as or similar to 7 and Polo Player Design, in International Class 025, as reflected in Ser. No. 85746758 in appearance, sound, meaning and commercial impression, both marks including virtually identical or confusingly similar polo player images.
- 10. The goods and services of the respective parties are in some cases directly competitive and in all cases commercially related, and/or the conditions and activities surrounding the use of the marks of the respective parties are such that they would or could be encountered by the same persons under circumstances that could give rise to the mistaken belief that such goods originate from the same source or indicate an affiliation between the parties.
- 11. As a result, 7 and Polo Player Design, as reflected in Application Ser. No. 85746758, when used in connection with the goods in International Class 025 identified said application, is likely to cause confusion or mistake or to deceive and mislead the public into believing that Applicant's goods are provided by Opposer, or that Applicant or its goods are authorized, licensed or controlled by Opposer, or that Applicant is affiliated with or in some way related to Opposer. Accordingly, any such use or and the issuance of the registration of 7 and

Polo Player Design in International Class 025 as reflected in Application Ser. No. 85746758

would and does violate Section 2(d) of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1052(d).

12. By reason of the foregoing, Opposer will be damaged by the registration of the

mark of 7 and Polo Player Design in International Class 025, as reflected in Application Ser. No.

85746758.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully requested that this notice of opposition be sustained

and that the Board refuse to register 7 and Polo Player Design in International Class 025, as

reflected in Application Ser. No. 85746758.

Respectfully submitted,

**EPSTEIN DRANGEL LLP** 

Dated: July 2, 2013

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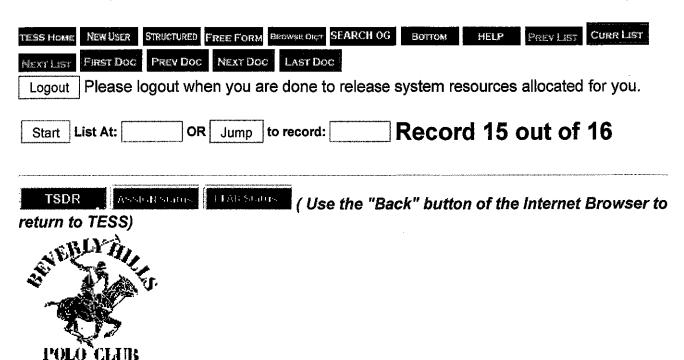


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**Word Mark** 

**BEVERLY HILLS POLO CLUB** 

Goods and Services

IC 025. US 022 039. G & S: CLOTHING FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN-NAMELY SHIRTS, SWEATSHIRTS, SWEAT SUITS, SWEATERS, T-SHIRTS, PANTS, UNDERWEAR, CAPS, JACKETS, [LEOTARDS, DRESSES, PONCHOS]. FIRST USE: 19850218. FIRST USE IN

COMMERCE: 19850218

Mark Drawing Code

(3) DESIGN PLUS WORDS, LETTERS, AND/OR NUMBERS

Design Search Code

02.09.17 - Humans, including men, women and children, depicted riding horses and other

animals; Riding animals, humans

02.09.19 - Diving, humans; Humans, including men, women and children, depicted playing games

or engaged in other sports; Playing games or sports, humans

73568042 Serial Number

Filing Date **Current Basis** 

November 12, 1985

Original Filing

1A

**Basis** 

1A

**Published for** Opposition

November 25, 1986

Registration Number

1429311

Registration Date

February 17, 1987

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## **Word Mark**

### **BEVERLY HILLS POLO CLUB**

Goods and Services

IC 009. US 002 026. G & S: ophthalmic eyewear; namely, eyeglass frames, lenses, chains, and cases; eyeglasses; and sunglasses. FIRST USE: 19910531. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE:

IC 014. US 027. G & S: watches. FIRST USE: 19910831. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19910831

IC 018. US 003 041. G & S: wallets, umbrellas, and small leather goods; namely, credit card cases, key cases, and coin purses, FIRST USE; 19910331, FIRST USE IN COMMERCE; 19910331

IC 024. US 042. G & S: beach towels, bath towels, table linens and textile placemats, and bed and bath accessories; namely, fabric toilet seat covers. FIR\$T USE: 19910301. FIR\$T USE IN COMMERCE: 19910301

IC 025. US 039. G & S: clothing for men, women and children; namely, shirts, sweatshirts, sweaters, tee shirts, pants, caps, hats, jackets, dresses, socks, hosiery, raincoats and outerwear; namely, coats and jackets, and belts. FIRST USE: 19891031. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19891031

Mark Drawing Code

(3) DESIGN PLUS WORDS, LETTERS, AND/OR NUMBERS

Design Search Code

02.01.19 - Athletes (men); Golfer; Men, athletes, strongmen; Strongmen 02.01.31 - Men, stylized, including men depicted in caricature form

02.09.17 - Humans, including men, women and children, depicted riding horses and other animals; Riding animals, humans

21.03.04 - Croquet mailets; Lacrosse sticks; Mallets (sports); Mallets, croquet; Mallets, polo; Polo

mallets

Serial Number 74209022

Filing Date

October 1, 1991

**Current Basis** 

1A

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November 17, 1992

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1751058

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Registration Date

February 9, 1993

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Prior Registrations

1429311;AND OTHERS

Disclaimer

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THE MARK AS SHOWN

**Description of** 

Mark

Color is not claimed as a feature of the mark.

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**Word Mark** 

BEVERLY HILLS POLO CLUB

Goods and Services

IC 025. US 022 039. G & S: footwear, namely shoes, boots, slippers, athletic shoes, and golf

shoes. FIRST USE: 19941001. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19941001

Mark Drawing Code

(3) DESIGN PLUS WORDS, LETTERS, AND/OR NUMBERS

**Design Search** Code

02.01.02 - Men depicted as shadows or silhouettes of men; Silhouettes of men

02.01.19 - Athletes (men); Golfer; Men, athletes, strongmen; Strongmen

02.09.17 - Humans, including men, women and children, depicted riding horses and other

animals; Riding animals, humans

21.03.04 - Croquet mailets; Lacrosse sticks; Mallets (sports); Mallets, croquet; Mallets, polo;

Polo mallets

**Serial Number** 

74558586

**Filing Date** 

August 8, 1994

**Current Basis** 

1A

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May 9, 1995

Registration Number

2214846

Registration Date

December 29, 1998

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and complete copy of the foregoing Notice of Opposition was served by First Class Mail, with sufficient postage prepaid, on this 2nd day of July, 2013, upon Applicant at the following address:

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Crozet, Va 22932-3336

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